

## DEFENSE SCORES IN EASTON CASE

Important Testimony in Grace  
Marshall Trial Barred  
by Judge.

## WOMEN PACK COURT ROOM

Found in Pitiable Condition, Im-  
properly Nourished, and  
Shivering, Says Doctor.

EASTON, Md., Nov. 30.—A dramatic clash between attorneys furnished the sensation at the session last night in the trial of Mrs. Rose Virginia Marshall, charged with murdering Grace Marshall, her stepdaughter, during the ten years or more that the now famous girl prisoner was detained in a filthy room of her home at St. Michael's, near here.

Mason Shehan, attorney for the father and stepmother, who by their alleged inhuman treatment of the girl, caused nationwide interest in the welfare of the latter, objected to testimony bearing on the treatment of the girl after she had been removed from her parents' custody. State's Attorney Charles J. Butler, the prosecutor, fought for the introduction of this testimony on the ground that it was a means of showing that the girl had been the victim of criminal neglect.

Dramatic Moment in Trial.

When objection of the defense was sustained by the court, Butler, dramatically exclaimed: "Your Honor, I might as well give up my case, for the whole prosecution was built up about this. I want to show by a chain of testimony, of which this is an indispensable link, that the Marshalls were guilty of criminal negligence."

When court reconvened for the night session at 7:30 the attorneys began battling over the admissibility of the evidence in question, but the court refused to change its ruling until the prosecution would show some precedent on which to base its claim that such evidence was admissible.

For the afternoon's session fully 100 women lined up in the corridors and on the steps leading to court room. They waited patiently for some time. When the doors were opened, a football rush for the seats ensued, with women pushing and crowding each other frantically. The courtroom was filled in two minutes, listeners packed in room like coal in a bin.

Miss Emma Davies was cross-examined by Attorney Shehan. She told how it had been at his suggestion that a writ of habeas corpus had been taken out for Grace originally. Her story was unshaken by severe cross-examination.

"A Pitiable Sight."

Other witnesses told of Grace's appearance. She was "pitiable and a horrible sight," declared Mrs. Julius Grossinger, who helped nurse her. "She ate as though she were famished. Her frontal bones protruded; she was all skin and bones. When she would stand on her feet a while, they would get blue. If she would sit down, her face would get blue; she didn't have the strength to walk from her chair to her bed."

Dr. Charles F. Davidson then took the stand. He described the room Grace was found in.

"I found a human being, emaciated beyond conception. Her chin was between her knees, she was shivering. An odor such as you would get from an accumulation of filth was in the room."

"I lifted her up, and asked, 'Grace, do you want to go away with me.' She looked up at me, smiled, and nodded in assent."

"He testified that Grace's pulse was 120, the normal being 72."

"Not Properly Nourished."

"To what do you attribute her weakness?" Butler asked Dr. Davidson.

"She was a subject that was not properly nourished."

"Would her physical condition be affected in any way by her mental condition?"

"Not in any way, if she had had proper physical care."

"Grace Marshall had no physical disease. Disease and lack of care, attention and food are all that could cause her emaciation. As she had no disease, her condition was due, by elimination, to the other cause."

"The case will be continued Friday, seventy more witnesses to be heard."

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